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～大ヒット発売中YKコミックス～

- 化け猫を封印せよ! 密偵ノンストップアクション!
ジョブリーダーズ(伊藤明弘)・・・1～6
- 人々と様々な自転車がお互いに素敵なストーリー
並木橋通りアオバ(自転車店)(宮尾岳)・・・1～3
- 暗黒熱帯! 叩きつける熱帯!! 燃える男の生き様!!
コミックマスターJ(田嶋由秋+余瀬裕輝)・・・1～7
- 二つの男女が繰り返す、若者必読の当世恋愛模様!
恋愛ディストーション(犬上すくね)・・・1～2

B6判 各巻¥520 以下続々刊行予定!!

人間の心と愛の翼を高く!

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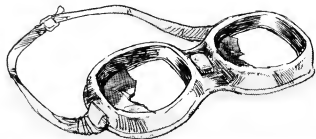


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GET OUT OF THE WAY,
CAPTAIN! YOU WANT TO FIND
ELSIE TOO, DON'T YOU?

YES... I AM DOING MY
BEST TO FIND HER.
WOULDN'T ANY PARENT
DO THE SAME?



BUT...

IF THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE...
IT'S BECAUSE OF MY SINS.



STEWART
LOOK...

LOOK AT ME...



STEWART...

LOOK
AT
ME...



THAT'S GARBAGE!!



I'LL NOT
LET YOU
TAKE
MISS
HELSA...

... BY FORCE!



FHEW
...

WE MADE
IT JUST
IN TIME!



KEYLA AND
SHEILA!

YOU TOO,
ARBEBY!



SORRY...

WE'RE GOING
TO GET IN
YOUR WAY.



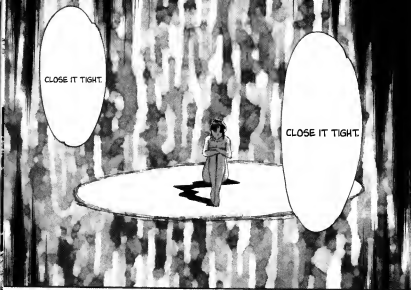
CAPTAIN,
SIR.

SHALL WE
BE ON
OUR WAY?



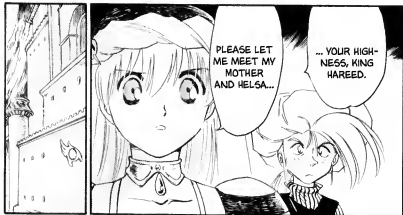
I KNOW
IT'S VERY
INCONVENIENT,
BUT I MUST
CUT IN.

EVEN THOUGH THE
ONLY WORD I CAN
READ IS SHEILA...



CLOSE IT TIGHT.

CLOSE IT TIGHT.



PLEASE LET
ME MEET MY
MOTHER
AND HELSA...

... YOUR HIGH-
NESS, KING
HAREED.

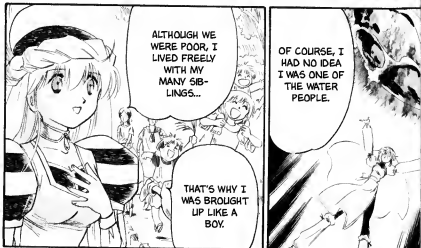


I WAS LIVING
AS A HUMBLE
COMMONER
IN MY HOME
COUNTRY,
OLTOA...

... UNTIL A
YEAR AGO,
WHEN I WAS
BROUGHT TO
YOUR PALACE,
KING HAREED.



I HEARD THAT MY REAL
MOTHER IS IN GOLDENE.



ALTHOUGH WE
WERE POOR, I
LIVED FREELY
WITH MY
MANY SIB-
LINGS...

OF COURSE, I
HAD NO IDEA
I WAS ONE OF
THE WATER
PEOPLE.

THAT'S WHY I
WAS BROUGHT
UP LIKE A
BOY.

AND
I...

BECAUSE OF
THE DESTINY
OF THE WATER
PEOPLE...

... I THOUGHT
THE MOTHER
I HAD NEVER
SEEN WAS
TRYING TO
AVOID ME.

BUT THEN I HEARD A
SOUND COMING FROM
THE POND IN MAVIC...

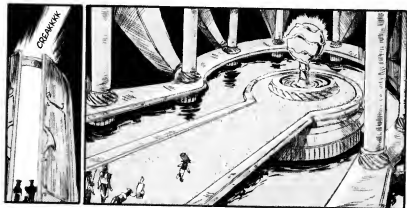
... THE POND
WHICH GAVE
BIRTH TO MY
MOTHER.

I WANT TO
GO HOME...

I WANT TO GO
HOME TO OLTOA...

PLEASE, KING HAREED.
LET ME GO.
I WANT TO SEE
MY MOTHER!

GRACE



ELSIE MUST
BE HERE...



... AT THE
BOTTOM
OF THIS
SPRING...

... WITH
THE WATER
MAIDEN.



THE...

THE
WATER
...



THE WATER...
PUSHED
ME?!



OWAAAH
...



PRINCESS
FAWNA...

GOLDENE'S
WATER...

... SPREADS
OUT FROM
THIS UPPER
COURSE,
THE ONE
MADE BY THE
WATER MAID.

AFTER IT HAS PASSED
ALONG THE WATER
COURSES IN THE
PALACE AND FED THE
WORLD TREE,
MILREMO...



... AND INTO
COUNTLESS
WATER
COURSES
IN THE
LOWER
DEPTHS
OF THE CITY.

IT FLOWS
TO THE
PLACES
WHERE
OUR
CITIZENS
LIVE...

EVEN I TOOK
THIS ALL
FOR GRANTED.



BUT THINGS HAVE
CHANGED
RECENTLY,
AND I'VE COME
TO REALIZE...

OUR USE OF
THE WATER
SOURCE IS
NOT
NECESSARILY
ASSURED
FOR ALL
ETERNITY...



IF WE DON'T HAVE
WATER, WE WILL WILT
LIKE FLOWERS IN
THE DESERT...

THE WORLD TREE
MILREMO AND
THE REST OF
OUR WORLD...



IT WOULD MEAN
DEVASTATION
FOR US ALL...

CREAK

WHAT...?

CREAKKKK

WHAT?!

FAWNA!!
LITOMO!!

SPLOOOSH

THE
WATER
...

IT LOOKS
LIKE A
SNAKE!!

ROARRRR

WAAAAH!!



WHOAH! USING
WATER AS A SHIELD/
PRINCESS FAWNNA,
SHE HAS THE
POWER TO DO THIS!

WHAT IS
HAPPENING?!

THE WATER
MAID...

KING
HAREED!





IT'S OKAY HE'S UNCONSCIOUS, BUT IT'S NOTHING SERIOUS.

HE'LL COME AROUND SOON ENOUGH.



BUT WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO...?



AHHM...

EVERYONE STAY AWAY FROM THAT SPRING.



IT'S GETTING CALMER NOW... BUT IF WE GET ANY CLOSER, THE WATER SNAKE WILL PROBABLY APPEAR AGAIN.



UNH. HOW CAN WE DEFEAT THE ENEMY? HOW CAN WE DEFEAT WATER?

SLASHING AT IT WITH SWORDS... THAT WON'T DO ANY GOOD.



AND BESIDES THAT...

WE MUST GO THIS WAY, IT IS THE ONLY ROUTE THAT LEADS TO THE WATER MAID.



I'LL GO!

HUH? KAZAN!
WHAT ARE
YOU GOING
TO DO?!

CAN YOU SHAPE
WATER BALLS
INTO DIFFERENT
SHAPES, FAWNIA?

UWA...

RIGHT?

YES, I
PROBABLY
COULD.

MAKE ME A LONG
THIN ONE,
LIKE A CYLINDER...

AND THEN
STICK IT
RIGHT
DOWN
INTO THE
SOURCE
OF THE
SPRING...

ME AND
KAMUSHIN
WILL GO IN.

... RIGHT DOWN
THE MIDDLE OF IT.

GO
DOWN
THROUGH
THE
MIDDLE
OF IT?!

ARE YOU
CRAZY,
KAZAN?!

DON'T
YOU
EVEN
THINK
ABOUT
IT!

WHAT IF YOU STOP
BREATHING BEFORE
YOU REACH THE
WATER MAID?

YOU'LL DROWN
DOWN THERE!





GO TO ELSIE!!

SWOOOP

END OF CHAPTER. I

CHAPTER 2 EGG



I'M COMING!

ELSIE!!



HE'S GONE...



IT'S PROBABLY...

... NOT THE RIGHT TIME TO ASK, BUT...

FAWNA...

ARE YOU IN LOVE WITH KAZAN?!



IF YOU AREN'T...
IF YOU AREN'T,
THEN WHY DO
YOU BELIEVE IN
HIM SO MUCH?



ME AND ARBEY
WERE GOING TO
STOP HIM...

BUT YOU WERE
LOOKING INTO HIS
EYES WITH SUCH
A LOOK OF
COMPLETE TRUST...



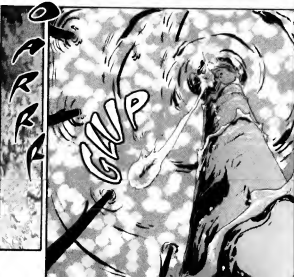
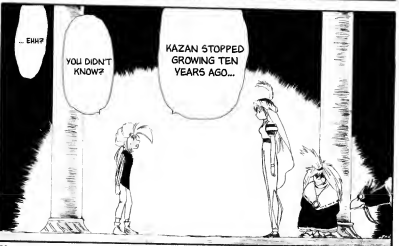
OH, MY
GOD!

WHAT
AM I
SAYING?!

LITOMO...
KAZAN AND
ELSIE ARE
MADE FOR
EACH OTHER...

AND
AFTER
ALL, HE'S
ONLY
EIGHT
YEARS
OLD...

NO!!



MY LORD... THE
YOUNG
ENCHANTRESS,
HELSA,
YOUR
SUCCESSOR...

... HAS
ALREADY
BEGUN TO
REALIZE HER
POTENTIAL,
HER UNHEARD
OF POWERS...

HUM...

IT SEEMS HER
GUARDIAN IS
NOT UP TO
THE TASK. WE
CAN'T COUNT
ON HIM IF
SOMETHING
WERE TO HAPPEN...



ALWAYS
...?

YEAH.

THAT'S
BECAUSE
EVERYONE
KNOWS...

I'M...

... THE
BLACK
HAired
LITTLE
WITCH.

MISS
HELISA.

I HAVE BEEN
APPOINTED YOUR
BODYGUARD.
MY NAME IS
STEWART.

STEW...

... ART?



DO YOU
ALWAYS PLAY
ALONE,
HELISA?

YEAH.

I'M ALWAYS
ALONE.



BUT DO YOU
HAVE ANY
FRIENDS?

YEAH...



FAR AWAY...

THE WHITE EAGLES...

... OF GOLDENE.

THEY JUST
WATCH,
THOUGH...

LOOK.



ONE DAY, YOUR POWERS WILL BE PUT TO GOOD USE, THEY WILL BE USED TO HELP THE KINGDOM, TO BRING HAPPINESS TO MANY PEOPLE.

I WILL STAY BY YOUR SIDE, I WILL BE WITH YOU UNTIL THAT DAY COMES.





SWISH



SWISH



SWISH



SWISHHHH

HELLO,
MISS
HELSA.

MY NAME IS
ALECIA GOLDINO.



GOLDINO...?
ARE YOU A
NOBLE TOO?

IT'S VERY
NICE TO
MEET YOU.



PEOPLE SAY
SHE'S A WEIRD
ONE. THEY SAY
SHE'S
FRIENDS WITH
THE WHITE
EAGLES OF
GOLDENE.

STEWART...
YOU'RE SO
MEAN.



HOW!
EGGS!!

EGGS!!

THAT'S
RIGHT, THEY
WERE LAID
JUST
RECENTLY.



AMAZING!
YOU REALLY ARE
FRIENDS WITH THE
WHITE EAGLES!



I'D LOVE TO
SEE THE
CHICKS.

HOW LONG
WILL IT
TAKE?



IT'LL
TAKE
ABOUT
EIGHT
YEARS.

EIGHT
YEARS?!



YES... WHITE
EAGLE EGGS
TAKE AN AWFUL
LONG TIME TO
HATCH.



THAT'S WHY
THEY'VE BEEN
DYING OUT...
THERE'S ONLY THIS
PAIR LEFT.

THAT'S WHY WE'VE
GOT TO TAKE REALLY
GOOD CARE OF
THEM, OK?

OKAY! WE'LL LOOK AFTER
THEM TOGETHER
FOR EIGHT YEARS...
THE TIME IT TAKES
THEM TO HATCH!

IF IT'S A BOY
LET'S NAME
HIM RISHAL
AND IF IT'S A
GIRL LET'S
NAME HER
ELSIE.

RISHAL... ELSIE...
THOSE SOUND
LIKE GOOD
NAMES.

EVEN THOUGH OUR
LOVE MAY BE
DOOMED, LET'S
RAISE THIS CHILDO
WELL. WE'LL RAISE IT
AS IF THERE WAS A
BRIGHT FUTURE
BEFORE US.

STEWART'S
SO NICE...

... HELPING
ME MAKE
NEW
FRIENDS...

OH, STEWART... EVEN IF
THEY THROW ME OUT OF
THE KINGDOM BECAUSE OF
THIS, I WILL HAVE NO
REGRETS.

ALECIA...

STEWART...

I LOVE YOU.

REALLY,
ALECIA...?
YOU'RE
PREG-
NANT...?

YES,
STEWART.

SCREECH



SCRELLUCH



ALECIA!

ALECIA! WHERE
ARE YOU?!

ALECIA!

ALECIA!

ALECIA!

HEY,
STEWART,
LOOK!

I MADE A
NEW ONE.

LOOK!
IT'S GREAT,
ISN'T IT?

IT'S JUST
LIKE THE
REAL THING.

HEY, LOOK.

STEW...

BLOOSH

TRAMP
TRAMP
TRAMP

LOOK...

STEWART...

LOOK
AT ME.

STEWART!!!



I...

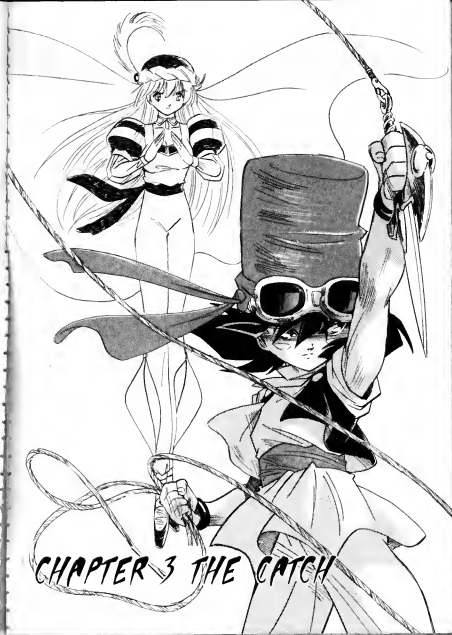


DON'T...



... LOVE
ANY-
ONE.

END OF CHAPTER 2



CHAPTER 3 THE CATCH



WHAT...? WHAT KIND OF A CHAMBER IS THIS?

THE ENTIRE
CEILING IS
MADE OF
WATER...

EVEN AS SHE
LIES ON HER
SICKBED, SHE'S
ABLE TO MAKE
USE OF HER
POWERS, AND
HOLD THIS HALL
TOGETHER...

THE...

...WATER MAID
- FAWNA'S
MOTHER!



KAZAN... DO YOU
KNOW WHAT IT
MEANS...?

THE WATER
PEOPLE
PRAISE THE
WATER MAID...



BUT, IN
REALITY...

IT'S JUST LIKE A
BIG WELL.



... SHE ONLY EXISTS
IN ORDER TO KEEP
IT PROPPED UP.

BUT
YOU
SEE...



THE ONE WHO
HARDLY EXISTS AT
ALL...

IS
ME.

THE
LITTLE
BLACK
HAIRD
WITCH.



WHAT
DO YOU
THINK,
KAZAN?

THIS KINGDOM...

THIS WHOLE
KINGDOM...



... AND ITS STUPID,
IGNORANT CITIZENS
DEPEND ON THIS...
DEPEND ON THE
SACRIFICES
I MUST MAKE.



DO YOU KNOW
WHAT THIS
MEANS?!

DO YOU KNOW?!

BUT...
BUT...
ELSIE...

ELSIE...

ELSIE
AND THE
OTHERS!

YOU CAN ONLY
REMEMBER THE
NAMES OF GIRLS YOU
LIKE. BOYS!



WHAT'S...

... UP?





WHAT'S...

... UP?



SPARE
ME THE
DETAILS.

... TRYING
TO GET MY
ELSIE BACK.

I'VE SPENT THE
LAST TEN YEARS...



AND
UNTIL
THIS
HAND...

... GRASPS HER
HAND...



I WILL KEEP
EVERYTHING
AS IT IS!

... I WILL
CHANGE
NOTHING...
NOTHING!



LET'S GO
AND SEE
THE
WATER
MAID!



GO AND SEE,
FAWNA?



BUT HOW?
HOW WILL
WE BE
ABLE TO
REACH
HERE?



I'VE
FIGURED
IT OUT...

... FROM
WHEN KAZAN
WENT DOWN.



ALL OF YOU
CAN FORM
A RING
WITH ME
AT THE
CENTER...



... I CAN MOVE
WATER AT WILL.



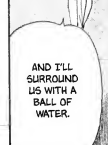
IF IT WORKS,
WE'LL BE ABLE
TO GO AGAINST
THE CURRENT
AND FLOAT
DOWNWARDS.



IT JUST
DEPENDS ON...



... US ALL
HOLDING
OUR
BREATH.



AND I'LL
SURROUND
US WITH A
BALL OF
WATER.



I
DUNNO
...



BUT IT'S THE ONLY
WAY, I GUESS.

IT'S
A BIG
GAMBLE...



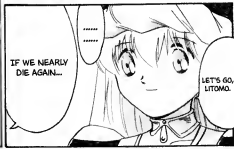
LET'S
GO.

EVEN IF
KAZAN
MADE IT
DOWN
IN ONE
PIECE...



HEY,
WAIT!

CAN YOU DO
IT, FAWNA?
ARE YOUR
WATER POW-
ERS UP TO
IT?



IF WE NEARLY
DIE AGAIN...

LET'S GO,
LITOMO.



HUH?



OOOAH! SHE LOOKED
ME RIGHT IN THE EYE!

SEE,
KAZAN
!!



DID YOU SEE IT?
ARREY, DID YOU
SEE IT?

JUST NOW!



I'M NOT GONNA
LOSE TO THE
LIKES OF YOU!

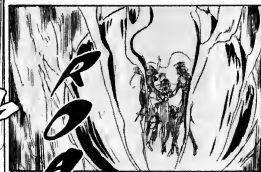
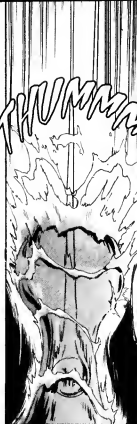
IDIOT...



LET'S GO!



THUMMM



KAZAN...

WAIT
FOR US...



WE'RE ALL
COMING!

WE'RE
COMING!



"WHAT'S UP?"



DID YOU SAY,
"WHAT'S UP?"



ONLY YOU, KAZAN...

ONLY YOU
COULD
SUM UP
THE
ENORMOUS
CRIMES
OF
GOLDENE...



... IN JUST A FEW
WORDS LIKE THAT.



ONLY YOU!!

YOU'RE...

...SO SAD!

SWEEP

BAMMM

SLISH

HEL-SA...

YOU'VE
ONLY
GOT...

... THE PAST
IN YOUR EYES.

OLIVER


SCRAPE

IF I
WERE
ABLE TO
CONTROL
OUR DES-
TINIES...

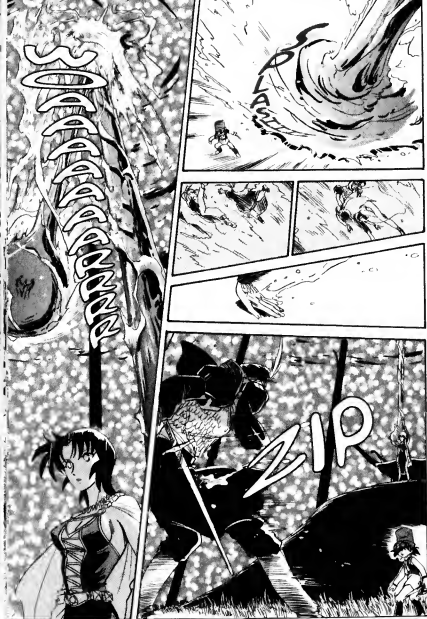
... TO
CONTROL
THE
FUTURE...



... DESTRUCTION
WOULD NOT RULE
OUR LIVES.



THINGS WOULD CHANGE,
A NEW WORLD WOULD
COME INTO BEING.











I REMEMBER
IT WELL
BECAUSE YOU
WERE CRYING
LIKE A BABY,
KAZAN!

HA HA HA HA HA HA

"ELSIE", "ELSIE",
OVER AND OVER
AGAIN!

SINCE YOU
FAILED TO
PROTECT
HER
THEN...

WHAT ARE YOU
HERE FOR NOW,
CRYBABY?

OOH...

SO EVIL....

KAZAN,
YOU LITTLE
PUNK!

HEH

YOU LITTLE
CRYBABY,
KAZAN!

HEH

TEN YEARS, AND
YOU'RE STILL JUST
A LITTLE KID!!

YOU...

... TALK
A LOT.





A CYBORG!!!




HE'S BEEN
CONTROL-
LING
FAWNA...

JUST LIKE HE
CONTROLLED
THE WHITE
EAGLE AT
KARAKURI...



TEN
YEARS
AGO...

HE CAME FROM
THE SKY WITH
THE CYBORG...



THE WATER DEMON,
HE IS USING THE
COMBINED POWER OF
THE WATER PEOPLE...



... WITH THE
TELEKINETIC
POWERS OF THE
BLACK HAired
WITCH...
BUT WAIT!

HELSA/
YOU MADE IT!

IT'S A FAKE
WATER DEMON!!

TEE
HEE
HEE
HEE

HMPH...

VERY GOOD,
KAZAN.

BUT NOW THAT YOU
KNOW... IT'S NOT
GOING TO HELP YOU
ONE BIT.

VAWOMM

JUST LIKE...

... ON
THAT DAY.



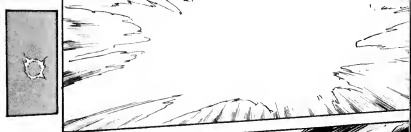
IT'S NO USE/
IT'S NO USE!!



THAT
LITTLE
GIRL...



... CAN'T
HELP YOU
NOW.





FA...

FAWNA!

ROAARRRR

SHE'S...

IT CAN'T
BE...



SHE'S SUCKING
THE WATER IN!!



NO...

... MOTHER!



WATER THAT IS
BORN OF A
HATEFUL
HEART...



... CAN ONLY
BRING SUFFER-
ING!

KAZAN TAUGHT
ME THAT!!



THUNK



SPLASHHHH

MISS REGINA!

RE-

SLOSH SLOSH

WHERE...

... IS THIS?

KAMUSHIN?

OH, YEAH.
HE
GRABBED
ME.

WE
CHARGED
THE...

... WATER
DEMON.





EL... SIE/

END OF CHAPTER 4



ELSIE...

ELSIE...

ELSIE!!!



SHE'S THE
SAME AS
ME...

MY ELSIE...

SHE HASN'T
AGED AT ALL
FOR TEN
YEARS.



DAMMIT!

THIS... DAMN...
WATER BALL!!



ELSIE! OPEN
YOUR EYES!

OPEN YOUR
EYES!!



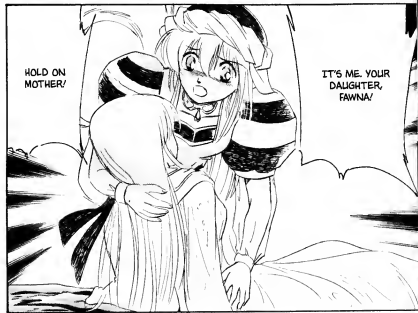
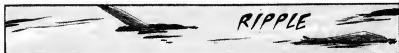
I'VE COME
THIS FAR...

I'VE COME
THIS FAR...



WHY?

I CAN'T EVEN
TOUCH HER!
WHY? WHY?!











E...

ELSIE!!!



THAT GIRL...

... IS ELSIE?!



MY
DAUGHTER.



BUT...

... ELSIE WOULD
HAVE BEEN 17
YEARS OLD BY
NOW.



MISS
HELSA...

YOU'RE...

IS THAT MY
ELSIE?



ARE YOU
HAPPY
NOW,
KAZAN?

YOU'VE
MANAGED TO
FIND YOUR
ELSIE...



AND
MORE-
OVER...

JUST LIKE
YOU...



... SHE'S
JUST THE
SAME AS
SHE WAS
TEN YEARS
AGO!

MISS REGINA
CAME TO
GOLDENE TEN
YEARS AGO...



FROM
THAT
DAY
ON...

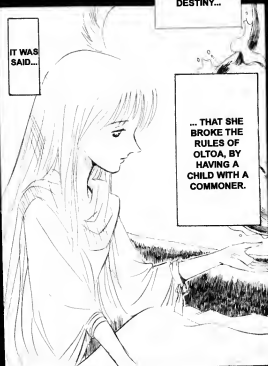


THE BLACK
HAired WITCH
CAME HERE
EVERY DAY,
IT WAS HER
DESTINY...

IT WAS SAID
THAT REGINA
HAD UNHEARD
OF POWERS...



IT WAS
SAID...



... THAT SHE
BROKE THE
RULES OF
OLTOA, BY
HAVING A
CHILD WITH A
COMMONER.

BUT, DESPITE
HER POWERS,
SHE WAS OF
SLENDER
BUILD, AND HER HEALTH
WAS POOR...



THAT
CHILD...



... WAS
ME.

I COULDN'T
UNDERSTAND
IT.



WHY DID
MISS
REGINA
BREAK
THE
RULES...
?

WHY DID SHE
WEAKEN
HERSELF SO,
BY BEARING
A CHILD?

HELSA.



WHO
DECIDES...

... FATE AND
DESTINY?

IF SHE
HADN'T
HAD SUCH
POWERS...

.....
.....

SHE...

SHE'S
THE
SAME
...

...
THE SAME
AS ME.

JUST LIKE ME...
HER BODY IS
JUST LIKE
OTHER
PEOPLE'S
BODIES,
YET SHE
POSSESSES
EXTRAORDINARY
POWERS.

MY
TRUE...

FRIEND.

SHE
WOULDN'T
HAVE BEEN
ABLE TO
BRING UP
THE CHILD.



WHY
HAVE
YOU GOT
ELSE.

... ATTACHED
TO THE
WATER
MAID?!

TEN YEARS
AGO, MISS
REGINA WAS
SICK...

HER LIFE
WAS
FLICKERING
CLOSE TO
EXTINCTION...

MY
FRIEND
...

THAT'S
WHY...

I BEGAN TO
SEARCH...

FOR
STRONG
...

... WAS
DYING.

... LIFE!



ST CAN'T
BE...

HELSA...



I
LOOKED...

... AND
LOOKED.



I USED 'THE
POWER.'

AND
THEN...

... AT
LAST I
FOUND IT.



GLARE



SHUNK

A POWERFUL
GENERATOR OF LIFE-
ENERGY. A
TRUE LIFE-
FORCE!



EVEN THOUGH
HER BODY
WAS WORN
OUT...

... SHE WAS
STILL ABLE TO
CONTINUE LIV-
ING. SUCH A
POWERFUL LIFE-
FORCE...



IT WAS...

... ELSIE!

BUT...

... THAT
MEANS.

YES... MISS REGINA IS
HOVERING ON THE
EDGE OF LIFE
AND DEATH, AND
IF IT WAS NOT
FOR THAT GIRL...
SHE WOULD HAVE
DIED BY NOW.

KAZAN!

FAWNA!

ARE ANY
OF YOU
UP TO IT?

WHAT DO
YOU
MEAN BY
THIS...?

ARE YOU
GOING TO
BREAK
THIS
SLENDER
BOND?

FORCING
US TO
CHOOSE...

WHAT
ABOUT IT,
KAZAN?

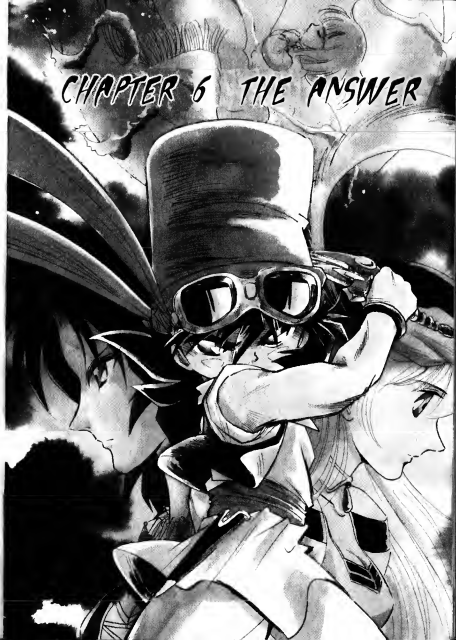
LOOK AT ME!

THIS IS THE
FUTURE YOU
TALKED
ABOUT...

... THE FUTURE
YOU SAID
WOULD WIT-
NESS THE
BIRTH OF A
NEW WORLD.

END OF CHAPTER 5

CHAPTER 6 THE ANSWER





THE ONLY WAY TO
SAVE ELSE IS TO
DISSOLVE THE
BOND THAT
CONNECTS HER
TO THE
WATER MAID.



BUT THAT
WOULD
MEAN...



DEATH...

... FOR FAWNA'S
MOTHER.



HE...

KEY-
LA...

SPLASH

SPLASH



WE'LL NEVER BE
ABLE TO MAKE A
DECISION. WE
CAN THINK
ABOUT IT AND
THINK ABOUT IT,
BUT WILL STILL
NEVER BE ABLE
TO COME TO A
DECISION.

SPLASH

SPLASH

I'LL
DO
IT.



I'LL
BREAK
THE
BOND!



ST...

STOP.



PLEASE,
STOP!



MISS
FAWNA,
MAYBE YOU
HATE ME
NOW,
I DON'T
MIND.



WE'VE GOT TO
CHOOSE ONE OUT
OF THE TWO. IT'S
CRUEL,
BUT I'VE GOT TO
DO IT, I'VE GOT TO
BREAK THE BOND.

BECAUSE...



... THERE'S
NOBODY WHO
CAN REPLACE
ELSIE.



NO ONE
ELSE
HERE...



...CAN STAND
UP TO YOU,
FAWNA. OR
YOU, KAZAN.



THAT
MEANS...

I HAVE
TO BE
THE BAD
GUY.

GLARE

PLAASH

AREN'T YOU
FORGETTING
YOUR STATION
IN LIFE?
I WAS
ASKING
THOSE
TWO, NOT
YOU!

GLUB
GLUB

GLUB
GLUB

SO, WHAT'S
IT GOING
TO BE?
KAZAN...?
FAWNA...?

THERE'S NO
MORE TIME
LEFT.

IN HER
CURRENT
STATE...

UH-OH

WHY?!

MISS REGINA
CAN'T HOLD
THIS CHAMBER
FOR MUCH
LONGER.

SO, FAWNA...

WILL YOU
COME TO THE
AID OF THE
WATER MAID?

FOREVER!

... UNTIL YOU DIE!

... YOU'LL NEVER SEE
THE SUN AGAIN!



SHEILA...

READ MISS
HELSA'S
MIND.



I CAN'T,
KEYLA.
NOT HER
MIND...

JUST KEEP
TRYING.
THERE MUST BE...



MUST
BE...

... A WAY IN.



LET ME
JUST
TELL
YOU,
FAWNA.

I WON'T GIVE
BIRTH TO
THE NEXT
SUCCESSOR.



HEL...

MISS HELSA!



THE LINE OF
'BLACK
HAired
WITCHES,'
WILL END
WITH ME.



YOU CAN STAY FOREVER...
ALONE IN THIS CHAMBER,
CREATING AN ENDLESS
STREAM OF WATER.

JUST LIKE
SOME
DIRTY OLD
WELL...



SO HAVE
YOU
WORKED
OUT...

... AN
ANSWER,
KAZAN?

AH!

THE WATER
MAID...

... AND ELSIE
...

... I WON'T
LET YOU HAVE
EITHER
OF THEM.

PLASH

IF IT'S A QUESTION
OF CHOOSING WHICH
ONE WILL LIVE...

... AND
WHICH ONE
WILL DIE.



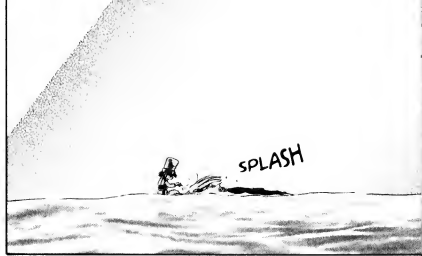
I WON'T CHOOSE!!



... SAYING IT!







STEWART !!!





CRUMBLE

EVERY-
THING...

CRACKKY

THEY'VE
TAKEN
EVERY-
THING
FROM
ME.

GROAAARRRR

EVERY-
THING...

I HATE
YOU...

...ALL!!

END OF CHAPTER 6

CHAPTER 7 EMBRACE





"ONE DAY YOUR
POWERS WILL BE
PUT TO GOOD USE,
THEY WILL BE
USED TO HELP THE
KINGDOM, TO
BRING HAPPINESS
TO MANY PEOPLE."

"I WILL STAY
BY YOUR SIDE,
I WILL BE WITH
YOU UNTIL
THAT DAY
COMES."

LIAR...

STEWART...
YOU'RE A...

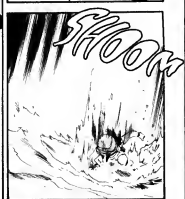
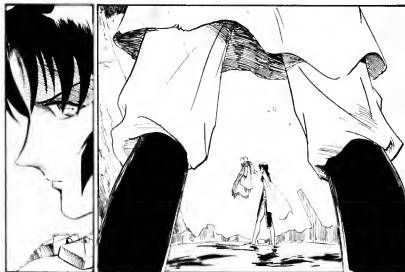
... LIAR.



AND AS
FOR
YOU...

ELSIE...





IT'S JUST
LIKE THE
EYE OF
SHIROC...

YOUR FATHER.

TEN YEARS AGO... I
HEARD RUMORS OF A
FIERCE TRIBE OF
HERDSMEN CALLED THE
'RED SAND'...

WHEN I HEARD THAT
THEIR LEADER HAD AN
EXCEPTIONALLY
STRONG LIFEFORCE, I
SENT 'IT' SEARCHING
FOR THEM...

BUT, WHEN I
FINALLY FOUND
HIM...

AND I
THOUGHT...

I'LL TAKE HIS
FIRSTBORN
FROM HIM...

IN EXCHANGE FOR
A CUP OF WATER,
I'LL TAKE THE LIFE
OF HIS CHILD.

BUT HE WAS
A FOOL. HE
SAID...

HE WAS DYING OF
THIRST...
LIKE AN INSECT.

"THIS GRAIN AND
MY CHILD. I'LL
GIVE YOU NEI-
THER!!"

"EVEN IF I DIE..."

THOSE
CHILDREN...

WILL...

... CHANGE
THE
FUTURE...

... WITH
THEIR OWN
HANDS!



AND HIS VIL-
LAGE WAS
WIPED OUT.



... MY
FATHER.







I'M HERE,
ELSIE...

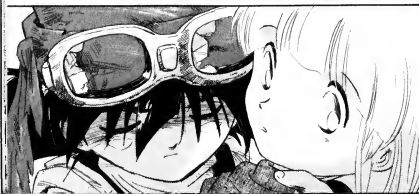
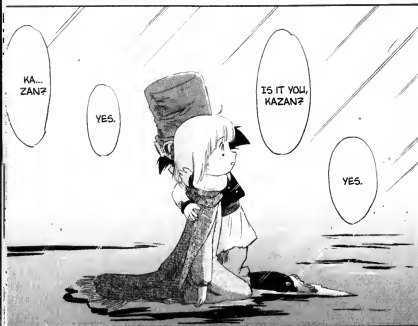
OPEN YOUR
EYES.

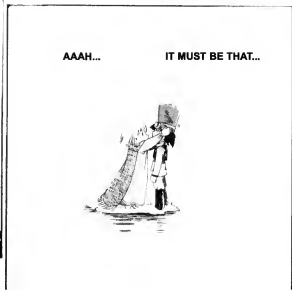
IT'S ME.

THE ONE YOU
MADE THE RED
HAT FOR...

IT'S ME,
KAZAN!!

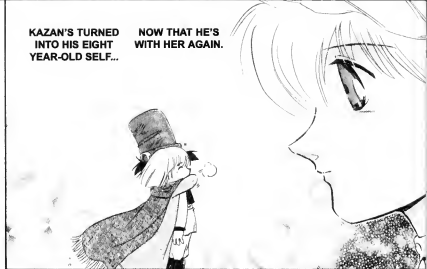






KAZAN'S TURNED
INTO HIS EIGHT
YEAR-OLD SELF...

NOW THAT HE'S
WITH HER AGAIN.



ACCURSED
POWER...?



GOD GAVE
THESE POWERS
TO YOU,
AND TO YOU ONLY.

THEY ARE POW-
ERS THAT WILL
ONE DAY BE
USED FOR A
GREAT CAUSE.



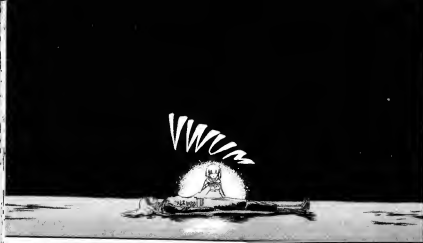
IS THAT
WHAT...

... SHE SAID?



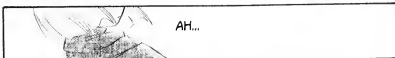
MISS HELSA...







STEWART!!



AH...



STEWART!

STEWART!!



I'M
SORRY.

I TRIED, BUT... HE
PROBABLY CAN'T
HOLD ON
FOR MUCH
LONGER.



ELSIE!

FAINT



ARE YOU
OKAY?!

I'M
JUST A
LITTLE
...

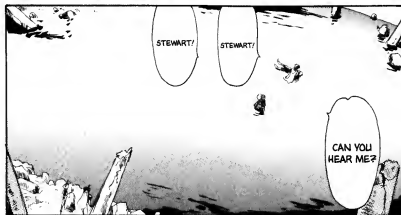
... TIRED.



ELSIE, YOUR
POWERS...

THEY'RE NOT
MY POWERS.
THEY'RE...







YOUR LIFE
FLOWED INTO
ME...

... INTO ME.



YES...

KAZAN.



CRUNCH

THAT'S
WHY YOU
NEVER
GREW
UP...



BECAUSE YOU
POURED ALL
YOUR LIFE
INTO ELSIE.



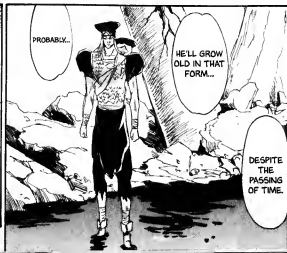
YOU DIDN'T
HAVE THE
LIFEFORCE...

... TO
GROW UP.



DOES THAT
MEAN...?

THAT KAZAN
WON'T...



PROBABLY...

HE'LL GROW
OLD IN THAT
FORM...

DESPITE
THE
PASSING
OF TIME.



MISS
HELSA...

WE WERE
WRONG...

WE WERE
WRONG IN
OUR VISION
OF GOLDENE
IN THE
FUTURE.

AFTER
THE
DESTRU-
CTION...

WE WERE
WRONG TO
GIVE UP
HOPE FOR A
BETTER
FUTURE...

IT WAS A
MISTAKE.

IT'S
ALL RIGHT...

DON'T SPEAK,
STEWART...

YOUR EYES...

... ARE AS
BEAUTIFUL
AS EVER.

STEWART...

I...

I LOVE...



SPLISH

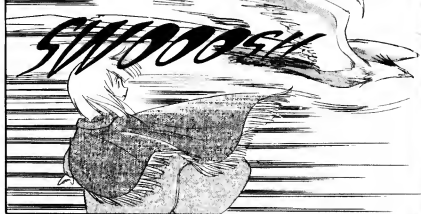


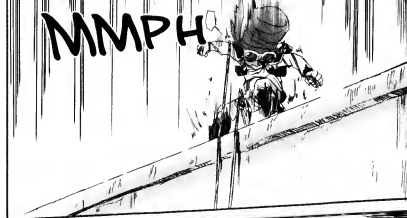
HAH.

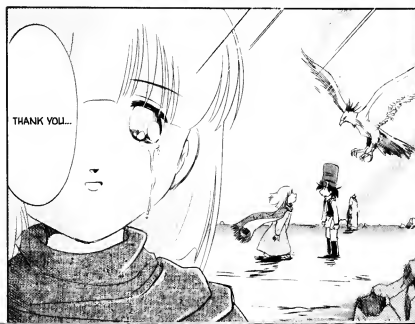
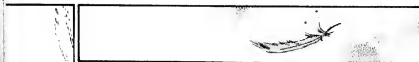


SHISH







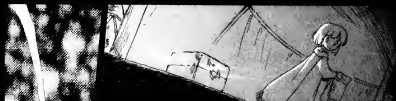




KAZAN'S
FATHER,
SHIROC...

... SENT HIS
LAST REM-
NANTS OF
LIFEFORCE
INTO
THE SKY.

IT CAME
TO REST
IN THE
EGG OF A
WHITE
EAGLE...



HE WAS GOING TO
PROTECT KAZAN,
USING WHATEVER
MEANS IT TOOK.



AAAH...
ALL
ALONG...

ALL ALONG...

THEY'VE BEEN
TOGETHER...

KAZAN
AND HIS
FATHER.





OVER THE
COURSE OF
TIME...

FAWNA QUIETLY
TOOK HER
MOTHER'S PLACE,
AND SAVED THE
KINGDOM. SHE AND
KING HAREED CREAT-
ED A KINGDOM OF
'OPEN WATER'...

LITOMO TRAINED
HARD UNDER
KEYLA,
AND BECAME THE
CAPTAIN OF
FAWNA'S
BODYGUARDS.
HE KEPT ASKING
FOR HER HAND
IN MARRIAGE,
AS HE HAD
ALWAYS DONE...

HELSA CROSSED THE
SEA TO THE MAINLAND.
SHE WANTED TO HELP
THE COMMON PEOPLE
BY LENDING THEM HER
POWER... SHE HOPED
ONE DAY HER SINS OF
THE PAST WOULD BE
ABSOLVED...



AND,
AS FOR...



KAZAN...



HE
HARVESTS
THE WEAT.



THE END

Afterword

TWENTY YEARS AGO... I DECIDED TO FOLLOW MY DREAM AND LEAVE THE BACKWOODS OF SHIKOKU TO GO TO TOKYO. I FOUND A JOB BUT BEFORE I STARTED IT I MET UP WITH MY FATHER, WHO HAD COME UP TO TOKYO ON BUSINESS. I TOLD HIM: "I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN MAKE A LIVING DOING THIS. I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF I'VE GOT THE TALENT TO DO IT. BUT... I WANT TO DRAW. AND I WANT TO TRY TO MAKE MY LIVING DOING IT."

HE SAID TO ME: "OO AS YOU LIKE. BUT WATCH OUT FOR THINGS THAT NARROW YOUR MIND."

THAT WAS ALL HE HAD TO SAY ON THE SUBJECT. I THOUGHT THEN, "IT'S NICE TO HAVE A PARENT WHO UNDERSTANDS". I DIDN'T REALIZE WHAT IT REALLY MEANT THEN.

MANY YEARS LATER... I HAD MY OWN FAMILY AND HAD BECOME A FATHER. AS MY CHILDREN GREW UP, I BEGAN TO UNDERSTAND THE IMPORT OF MY FATHER'S WORDS.

ASIDE FROM THE FACT THAT TOKYO WAS A LONG, LONG WAY AWAY FROM SHIKOKU, WHERE MY PARENTS LIVED AND WORKED UNDER AROUSING CONDITIONS, THEY MUST HAVE HAD AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF COURAGE TO LET ME BECOME AN "ARTIST" - A PROFESSION THEY KNEW ABSOLUTELY NOTHING ABOUT. THEY MUST HAVE BEEN CONSIDERABLY WORRIED BY IT ALL.

BUT MY FATHER JUST SAID: "OO AS YOU LIKE."

FROM WHEN I STARTED DRAWING IT, MY FATHER REALLY ENJOYED ITALICIZE KAZAN. HOWEVER, THE WINTER I WAS ABOUT TO PUBLISH THE FOURTH VOLUME, MY FATHER'S CHRONIC CANCER PUT HIM BACK IN THE HOSPITAL FOR GOOD.

I REALLY DIDN'T WANT TO HAVE TO SAY THESE WORDS, BUT I TOLD MY FATHER: "OAO, HOLO ON. YOU CAN'T DIE UNTIL I'VE FINISHED KAZAN."

MY FATHER SMILED AND NOODOD.

BUT TWO MONTHS LATER, IN THE MIDST OF BLOOMING CHERRY BLOSSOMS, ON A FINE SPRING DAY, MY FATHER PASSED AWAY.

I PUT A COPY OF KAZAN VOLUME 4, WHICH ARRIVED HOT OFF THE PUBLISHER'S PRESSES, INTO MY FATHER'S COFFIN. I'LL NEVER FORGET THE EFFORTS OF THE STAFF OF THE EDITING DEPARTMENT IN HONORING MY FATHER'S MEMORY.

FATHER, I DID IT. I FINISHED KAZAN.

IT'S A BIT LATE, BUT PLEASE READ IT ANYWAY.

IT'S THE ANSWER TO YOUR KIND WORDS: "OO AS YOU LIKE."



